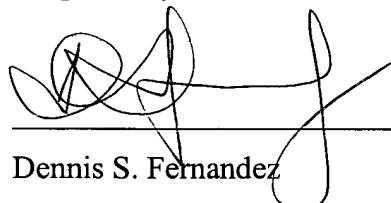


CONCLUSION

Claims 1-20 remain. In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted by Applicants that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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